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SUBJ: OPIUM SEIZURE - THAILAND, WB-73-0016

DEA HQS PASS W.J. DURKIN/EN AND G.M. BELK/IND FROM DICK

1. AT 0900 HOURS ON 16 AUG 73. THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE (BPP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 3,516 REPEAT 3,516 KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM IN CHIANG DAO DISTRICT SOME 110 KILOMETERS NORTH OF CHIANG MAI AND NEAR THE THAI-BURMA BORDER.

2. APPARENTLY THIS RAW OPIUM HAD BEEN CONCEALED AT THIS LOCATION SINCE 7 AUG 73. AT THAT TIME BPP WAS CONDUCTING AN OPERATION IN THIS AREA TARGETTED AT THE INTERDICTION OF A CARAVAN MOVING INTO THAILAND FROM BURMA. WHEN THE OPIUM LADEN CARAVAN LEARNED OF BPP PRESENCE IN THE AREA THEY HID THE OPIUM IN THE PARA ONE LOCATION AND WITH THE ANIMALS AND MOST OF THE GUARDS RETURNED TO BURMA. A DETAIL OF SOME 10 MEN REMAINED BEHIND WITH THE OPIUM. AT APPARENTLY THIS SAME TIME THE BPP INTERCEPTED A SECOND CARAVAN SMUGGLING 87 BAGS OF UNCUT BURMESE JADE STOME INTO THAILAND (SEE BANGKOK 12653).

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3. SINCE 7 AUG 73 BPP HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO

LOCATE THIS OPIUM SITE. THEY SUCCEEDED ON THE MORNING
OF 26 AUG 73. A FIRE FIGHT OF SHORT DURATION
ENSURED AND THE GUARD FORCES RETREATED. THERE WERE NO
PRISONERS TAKEN AND NO BPP WERE INJURED.

4. COSNO COL. KUSOL WITH DEA AGENT HAS BEEN COORDINATING
THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION WITH BPP FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS.
FOLLOWING LOCATION AND IMMOBILIZATION OF THE CACHE THE
DRUGS WERE RELEASED TO SNO WHO WILL CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP
INVESTIGATION.
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